

The House Committee on County Affairs

83rd Legislature

May 5, 2014

10:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on April 28, 2014, the House Committee on County Affairs met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Coleman, at 10:07 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Coleman; Farias; González, Mary; Hunter; Krause; and Simpson.

A quorum was present.

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The Chair laid out interim charge #2. Continue oversight of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and issues jails currently face, including the mental health of those in jail, and make recommendations for refinement or improvement of processes and programs.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Kolkhorst now present.)

(Representative Stickland now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The Chair laid out interim charge #3. Monitor the health advisory panel stemming from HB 3793 (83R).

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The Chair laid out interim charge #4. Determine which counties have implemented a cite-and-summons policy, whether the policy has been effective in lessening overcrowding in county jails, and whether those cited by peace officers comply with the policy.

(Representative Wu was present for this charge.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative John Davis was present for this charge.)

(Representative John Davis in Chair.)

The Chair laid out interim charge #6, oversight of the Healthy Community Collaboratives. Conduct legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 83rd Legislature. In conducting this oversight, the committee should:

- a. consider any reforms to state agencies to make them more responsive to Texas taxpayers and citizens;
- b. identify issues regarding the agency or its governance that may be appropriate to investigate, improve, remedy, or eliminate;
- c. determine whether an agency is operating in a transparent and efficient manner; and
- d. identify opportunities to streamline programs and services while maintaining the mission of the agency and its programs.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Coleman in chair.)

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At 5:23 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Coleman, Chair

Katy Reagan, Clerk